

Lost Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District

3rd Quarter Meeting Approved Minutes

July 5, 2018, 6:00 p.m. St. Germain Community Building

1. Call to Order: Commissioner Ulett called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. Roll Call: Quorum was established:

Present: Anderson, Eckerman, Guckenberger, Ritter, Ulett, Heeler,
Truppe (on speakerphone)

Absent: None

Others Present: Webb Southwick, Jack Peil and daughter Hilary, Don
Walters, Mel Schultz

3. Approval of April 5, 2018, Meeting Minutes:

On Motion by Anderson, second Eckerman, minutes of the April 5, 2018, LLPRD Meeting Minutes were approved.

4. Treasurer's Report:

Truppe presented Treasurer's Report via speaker phone stating he has written out eight checks since our last meeting bringing our 4/5/18 balance of \$41,164.66 down to \$35,145.63 as of 7/05/18. Report was accepted for record.

5. Review of current information on 2018 herbicide treatment:

Commissioners discussed post-herbicide observations of Lost Lake. Guckenberg noticed CLP starting to turn color in treatment area after only two hours and he found no CLP visible after 14 days, but lily pads and other near-shore vegetation were still thriving. Eckerman noted aquatic plants in other areas of lake still growing strong as did Ulett in Lost Creek. Onterra will soon be on the lake to do a post-treatment inspection.

6. Discussion/action on future permit process for 2019 CLP treatment:

Commissioners discussed plans for the permitting process in 2019 (should we apply for a CLP herbicide permit) and how to speed it up. Eckerman stated a contract is in place with Clean Lakes Inc for the treatment should we get a permit. Ritter stated his desire that the multi-year CLP treatment plan continues. Discussion centered on the lateness of this year's treatment relative to the LDF Tribe getting involved at the last minute. Ideas presented were to possibly meet with the LDF Tribe and/or the DNR early on in the permitting process to avoid last minute delays brought up by these two entities. Ulett stated he tried contacting WI DNR Secretary Meyer on multiple occasions to express his displeasure with the tardiness of the permitting process but Meyer never returned his phone calls or emails.

7. Discussion 2018 tax levy:

Ulett started the discussion saying we asked the electors for a three-year herbicide treatment commitment, and therefore, he would desire to continue the levy as-is for at least another year even though it was noted that we may need more than a three-year herbicide commitment. Motion by Anderson, second Guckenberg, that we keep the same tax levy for this fall as was passed at last year's elector's meeting. Motion passed unanimously. Commissioners raised the possibility of needing additional funds if new areas of the lake are overtaken by AIS, and this possibility should be brought up at the elector's meeting.

8. Follow-up with DNR contact on boat landing review:

After conversation with Dan Jacoby of the DNR, commissioners found out that Lost Lake is not anywhere near the “Top Ten” boat landings needing repairs or upgrading, but commissioners still desired a meeting with Mr. Jacoby. On motion by Anderson, second Eckerman, Ritter will contact Mr. Jacoby to set up a meeting with commissioners to discuss the Lost Lake boat landing and possible improvements. Passed unanimously.

9. Review/Planning for Sept 2, 2018, annual Elector’s meeting.

Commissioners first discussed the legal ways to let property owners know of the annual elector’s meeting. Even though e-mail and newspapers ads are now acceptable methods, the LLPRD will continue to send out individual letters to each property owner of record listed with Vilas County. Ulett and Heeler will put together the Elector packet with cover letter, agenda, and budget and send to all commissioners for review. Anderson will check with Vilas County Land and Water Dept to see if they have 2018 versions of “People of the Lake” handbook for lake district personnel.

10. Lake Planning Study/Grant update:

Ulett had nothing to report on the Lake Planning Study but directed it be included on the Elector’s Meeting agenda on Sept. 2.

11. Report: Lakes Partnership Meeting in Stevens Point

Eckerman reported on his attending of the state-wide Lake Partnership Meeting held in Stevens Point, including meeting many department personnel from the DNR and Onterra as well as meeting with many other lake district commissioners. He also reported on new techniques for bid processing, compensation for some lake district personnel and part-time employees, and requirements of WI’s open meeting law. It was decided that Eckerman and Ritter would present resolutions at the October 4, 2018, 4th

qtr meeting that the District can follow on bids, compensation, and open meeting law guidelines.

12. Public Concerns:

Lake property owner Don Walters spoke saying that he really appreciates the hard work the LLPRD does to improve Lost Lake. Commissioners spoke in favor of moving the “Public Comments” agenda item to immediately after the Treasurer’s Report during quarterly meetings.

13. Adjournment: 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Heeler--Secretary